THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI OMAK APANG): (a) No Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Interaction between D.G. Tourism and Tourist Associations

2434. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any regular interaction between the Director General of Tourism and various hotel and Tourist Associations;

(b) if so, the format of such interactions;

(c) whether there is a stipulated frequency of such meetings; and

(d) the details of such meetings and the membership of such meetings, etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI OMAK APANG): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Hotel Association of India, Travel Agents Association of India, Indian Tourist Transporters Association and Indian Association of Tour Operators frequently meet Director General of Tourism and other Senior Officers of the Ministry of Tourism to discuss various matters related to the Tourism Industry from time to time. Senior officers of the Ministry also attend Annual Conventions of the above Associations.

Master Plan pn Tourism in Andhra Pradesh

2435. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested to share the cost of preparing the tourism master plans for Hyderabad, Tirupati, Visakhapatnam and Nagarjuna Sagar, and

(b) if so, by when it would be finalised and the response of Tourism Ministry thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI OMAK APANG): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In view of of paucity of funds to carry out surveys and studies, the Ministry of Tourism is not in a position to provide assistance to the tune of Rs. 1.00 crore as requested by the State Government for the purpose. The World Tourism Organisation has included the preparation of Tourism Master Plan for Andhra Pradesh in their work programme for the year 1998-99.

विदेशी पर्यटकों के लिए सुविधाओं की कमी

2436. **प्रो0 विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा** : क्या **पर्यटन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले तीन वर्षो के दौरान कितने विदेशी पर्यटकों ने भारत की यात्रा की;

(ख) क्या यहां पेयजल तथा सुविधाओं का अभाव और ठहरने के स्थान की कमी है जबकि गंदगी और धोखा-धडी भारत के अधिकतर पर्यटक स्थलों पर एक आम बात है; और

(ग) सरकार द्वारा पर्यटक स्थलों को सुंदर बनाने और वहां सुविधाएं उपलब्ध कराने के लिए कदम उठाए जा रहे है?

पर्यटन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री ओमाक अपांग) : (क) पिछले तीन वर्षो के दौरान भारत की यात्रा करने वाले विदेशी पर्यटकों की कुल संख्या निम्न प्रकार से है:-

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1995	2123683
1996	2287860
1997	2374094

(ख) यह सत्य है कि भारत के कई पर्यटक स्थलों मे सुविधाएं अपर्याप्त है ।

(ग) सरकार ने स्मारकों/हेरिटेज स्थलों के सौन्दर्यीकरण हेतु योजनाएं प्रारम्भ की है जिनमें

भू-दृश्यांकन,प्रदीप्तिकरण, पार्किंग क्षेत्र और पेय जल, कैफेटेरिया तथा शौचालय जैसी सुविधाएं सम्मिलित हैं ।